

State of California  
Department of Parks and Recreation

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**TO:** Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
750 Hearst Castle Rd  
San Simeon, CA 93452

**PROJECT TITLE:** Hearst Castle Neptune Pool Soil Borings

**LOCATION:** Hearst San Simeon State Historic Monument

**COUNTY:** San Luis Obispo County

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Excavate a series of soil borings to determine the type and quality of the soil located around the Neptune Pool at Hearst San Simeon State Historic Monument. The test hole borings will be located and drilled on the paved and landscaped area around the Neptune Pool or off the pavement, on the shoulder of the road near the boiler. Work will mechanically excavate approximately 12 – up to 6" diameter borings to a maximum 25 feet in depth and manually excavate 3 borings (1 at the NW corner of the hardscape of the pool, 1 each in the north and south terraced area of the pool) to 10 feet maximum. All borings will be filled with cement slurry. Additional work will take approximately 3 tile samples from the pool wall. Specific repairs identified through the testing process will be subject to further review under CEQA.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT:** California Department of Parks & Recreation

**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** San Luis Obispo Coast District

**EXEMPT STATUS**

☒ Categorical Exemption Classes: 4, 6 & 31 Sections: 15304, 15306 & 15331

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:**

This project consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land and/or vegetation which do not involve the removal of healthy, mature scenic trees and basic data collection, the maintenance, preservation and conservation of historical resources, in a manner consistent with the Secretary of Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource; included as "soil and structural engineering tests" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR §15300.4.

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